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## **District Attorney Sandra Doorley Announces Rochester Mother Sentenced for Burning Her Young Son in the Bath**

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced today that Saamiya Thomas was sentenced to eight years in prison for Assault in the First Degree, for holding her son down in hot bath water and causing lifelong injuries.

Thomas, 19, pled guilty to the assault charge. She admitted that on Super Bowl Sunday 2011, she forced her 4-year-old son into the scalding water causing disfiguring burns. The boy now has a tracheotomy and will need special care for the rest of his life. He has lived with foster parents since he was released from the hospital last March.

Prosecutor Sara VanStrydonck says the boy still won't get into a bathtub. "This little boy will pay the physical and mental consequences of what his mother did to him, for the rest of his life," VanStrydonck says.

Thomas was also sentenced to a year in prison, to be served concurrently with the assault charge, for promoting prison contraband for attempting to sneak a knife into jail and for possession of forged checks.

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